



WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION



Trade Facilitation
Agreement Facility

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The TFAF was created by the WTO DG in 2014

Context

- The TFA has special implementation flexibilities for developing and least-developed countries.
- Assistance and support for capacity building (TACB) is integral part of the Agreement.
- Accessibility of TACB was considered a risk.



Our Mission and Vision

- The TFAF contributes to a development friendly impact of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement by supporting the implementation of category C commitments.
- Our vision is that by 2030 DC and LDC Members have found arrangements with development partners for 90% category C commitments.
- Scale of this ambition : 686 remaining notified category C measures by 89 Members
- We want to make sure that implementation dates are respected and come forward.

TFAF instruments

1. Matchmaking mechanism
(contact point, clearing house
coordination)
2. Safety net
3. Knowledge exchange among participating
partners and Members

**TACB implementation rests with bilateral,
regional, multilateral cooperation
mechanisms.**



Cooperation is in our DNA

- Who:
 - Donor Members, other Members, Annex D+ organisation, other technical and development partners
- What:
 - Implementing partners that can execute implementation projects based on their technical expertise
 - Synergies implementing agencies for on-going projects
 - Matching requests by Donor Members that programme TF(a) oriented TA projects (bilateral, global, sectoral) or Annex D+ partners that carry out TA projects
- Challenges:
 - Perception of competition over resources, ownership, and expertise
 - Rely on informal networking and mobilisation